the lines of ITAT, CEGAT, etc.

(v) There should be training institutions for training of judicial officers.

(vi) Government litigation should be reduced by undertaking timely steps to screen grievances against the Government.

(vii) Courts should be strict in the matter" of admission of public interest litigation which -if often misused.

(viii) The Surpeme Court and the High Courts should exercise greater restraint in the exercise of their "powers and in the discharge of their functions.

(ix) Problems connected with frequent adjournments, strikes, etc., cannot be effectively handled, unless the judges and practicing lawyers are brought together to discuss the matter across the table.

(x) The Malimath Committee recommendations constitute the right framework to proceed further in the matter.

The Law Minister also constituted three open-ended Working Groups to consider different aspects of the recommendations of the Malimath Committee Report in detail.

Non cooperation of Bihar Government in administration of justice

2754. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Chief Justice of the Patna High Court had recently expressed his disappointment with the Bihar Government for not assisting and cooperating with the High Court in the administration of Justice;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Govenrment have taken to ensure that State Governments particularly the State of Bihar and Union Territory Administrations, properly assist and cooperate with Judiciary in the administration of Justice in the State and Union Territory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) As per information received from the Registry of Patna High Court, the Chief Justice has expressed his concern from time to time regarding inadequate facilities and infrastructure in respect of judicial administration in the State of Bihar. Recently, the matter was discussed by him with the Chief Minister of Bihar also who has promised to provide the necessary facility and infrastructure for proper administration of jusutice in the State.

Corruption in judiciary

2755. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to views expressed by eminent jurists in- a convention on 25th July, 1992 regarding alarming rise of corruption in the higher echelons of the judiciary and absence of any machinery to ensure its accountability;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to restore public confidence in the judiciary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Government's

attention has been drawn to the Press report but in the absence of any specific complaint no action can be taken.

Inspection of Indian Express by CLB

2756. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 1990 a Company Law Board team after finding definite proof of mismanagement and siphoning of funds by the Management of Indian Express Groups, suggested detailed inspection by the inspectors of the CLB; and

(b) if so, whether the inspection has been made, if so, what is the result thereof and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Arising out of inspection of the books of *account of the companies belonging* to Indian Express Group under Section 209A of the Companies Act, 1956, carried out during 1987, the Company Law Board ordered an investigation under Section 237 (b) of the Act on, 13-11-1987 to investigate into the affairs of 8 companies. The investigation order has been stayed by the Hon. High Court at Bombay and the appeal filed by the Government for vacation of stay is pending.

Recodification of the Companies Act, 1956

2757. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to UnStarred Question 1046 given in the Rajya Sabha on the July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision about the recodification of the Companies Act, 1956;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) when a suitable legislation is likely to be brought before Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The Government is endeavouring to introduce the Bill recodifying the Companies Act, 1956 as early as possible. The general approach of the Government in making changes in Company Law is to provide for more effective investor protection in view of the rapid growth of the capital market and spread of equity culture, rationalisation and streamlining of the provisions of the Act in tune with the changed environment in which manufacturing and other companies must operate and for better management of companies.

Setting up of special cell to deal with police atrocities

2758. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of High Courts which have so far set up special cells to, deal with complaints of police atrocities, custodial deaths and torture of poor men, women and children; and

(b) the number and details of such complaints taken up/decided so far in 1992 by each High Court and the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The information is being collected, and will be laid on the Table of the House.